

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

(For members seeking reappointment to a City of Rockville Board or Commission)

Name: Beri Kravitz

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(Note: Work phone numbers are only for staff use)

Name of current Board (or Commission): Environment Commission

Please complete the following:

How long have you served on this Board or Commission?  
Since 2/2007 (2 yrs., 3 mos.)

Why do you wish to be considered for reappointment by the Mayor and Council?

The environment commission is participating in implementing the Mayor and Council's vision for a green Rockville. Our initiatives and work with city staff has brought new and exciting projects to the city. These projects are important for moving Rockville into the forefront of green, vibrant and desirable cities for residents and businesses. I feel my background and interest in environmental work and my considerable experience in community service and leadership bring important skills to the commission. I have found my participation on the commission stimulating, fulfilling and enjoyable.

What other information should be considered for your reappointment? (Examples: Ways in which you have personally contributed to the work of the Board or Commission; leadership roles you have held on behalf of the work of the group such as chair, head of a committee or task force)

In addition to being a contributing member of the commission, I am a key member of the Outreach Working Group. We have several projects in the works that I am eager to see to fruition. Also, since much of the commission work is of a technical nature, there has been a learning curve to get to the point where we can define a goal/project, identify the steps and time table to achieve the goal and divide the work among our members. I look forward to finishing our current projects and taking on other new ones. This includes working with other city commissions (which we have recently begun doing in earnest).

Please attach an updated resume or additional information (Optional)

Please indicate here [x] yes or [ ] no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information will not be used for any fundraising or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

Please submit this information to: Mayor and Council c/o City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. 240-314-8280

**Thank you!**

***Beri Kravitz***

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**E d u c a t i o n**

**Technion, Israel Institute of Technology,** 1989 - 1995  
**Department of Civil Engineering**  
Haifa, Israel  
M.S., Environmental Engineering  
Thesis Title: *Development of Expert Rules for a Wastewater Treatment Plant*  
Scholarships: 4 semesters

**University of Pittsburgh, Department of** 1987 - 1988  
**Civil Engineering**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Carnegie Mellon University, Department of** 1983 - 1987  
**Civil Engineering**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
B.S., Civil Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy  
Degree requirements included project work on indoor air pollution (radon) and regulation of biotechnology (genetic engineering)

**P r o f e s s i o n a l E x p e r i e n c e**

**The Jewish Federation of Greater**  
**Washington** 1/2007 – present  
Rockville, MD

- Community Calendar Coordinator: updates on-line event calendar for the Jewish Federation
- Information and Referral Specialist: Answers inquiries coming into the Federation's Jewish Information and Referral Service
- Volunteer Placement Assistant: Matches volunteers with various options in the community
- Program assistant for Israel@60 (until 6/1/08): Assisted in planning and implementation of community wide celebration on National Mall for the celebration of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Assisted in coordination of participating Washington area organizations and institutions, volunteer coordination, program development and implementation and event marketing, planning and staging. Developed community calendar (print and on-line) of Israel related events for the 18 months leading up to the culminating celebration

**The Chester Engineers** 1988 - 1989  
Pittsburgh, PA

Environmental engineer for a consulting firm providing expertise in environmental regulatory matters. Responsibilities included developing cost estimates for clean-up projects, specifying clean-up procedures and disposal methods, writing permit applications, designing work schedules, developing system for underground storage tank management and developing plans for compliance with new regulations.

**University of Pittsburgh, Civil Engineering** 1987 - 1988  
**Department**

Pittsburgh, PA  
Research assistant: Studied environmental feasibility of burning coal waste for energy production.

1987

**Carnegie Mellon University, Office of Environmental Safety**

Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant to Chemical Technician: Assisted in implementation of the "Right to Know" law and assisted in supervision of laboratory waste disposal, chemical storage and building renovation.

1985 - 1986

**Carnegie Mellon University, Civil Engineering Department**

Pittsburgh, PA

Research Assistant: Studied the relationship between historical air pollution levels and tree growth using tree core samples and a scanning electron microscope to analyze residual pollutant levels.

**V o l u n t e e r   W o r k**

1/2009 – present Congregation Beth El Green Committee

2/2007 – present Rockville Commission on the Environment, commissioner

5/2007 – present Programming Vice President, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah

2005 – 2007 Rockville Commission on the Environment, community outreach working group

2005 - 2007 President, Simcha Group, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah

2004 - 2005 Fundraising Vice President, Simcha Group, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah

2002 - 2004 Programming Vice President, Simcha Group, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah

2000 - 2002 Newsletter editor, Simcha Group, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah

**A w a r d s   a n d   H o n o r s**

5/2007 Hadassah President's Award

9/2007 President's Volunteer Service Award, President's Council on Service and Civic Participation